



# Michigan State Police

## Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division

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#### **December 2013 Ice Storm Tree-Related Damage and Debris Removal Appropriation**

On March 14, 2014, Governor Rick Snyder signed Public Act 34 of 2014 (Senate Bill 608), appropriating \$1 million to help fund the clean-up of tree-related damage and debris in the counties and municipalities impacted by the ice storm that occurred on December 22 and 23, 2013. This Informational Bulletin outlines the guidance and criteria for the appropriate distribution of these funds.

#### **Public Act 34 of 2014 (Senate Bill 608)**

Public Act 34 of 2014, Section 652, appropriates \$1 million to lessen the burden placed upon the funds of counties and municipalities coping with the ice storm of December 22 and 23, 2013. The public act outlines the following for disbursement of these funds:

- Counties and municipalities may apply to the Michigan State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (MSP/EMHSD) for assistance grants.
- Reimbursements for expenditures shall be limited to public damage and direct loss as a result of the ice storm.
- A disaster assessment team established by the MSP/EMHSD shall substantiate the damages claimed by the applicant.
- Damage estimates submitted by the applicant shall be based upon a disaster assessment carried out by the applicant according to standard procedures recommended by the MSP/EMHSD.

**NOTE: Public Act 34 of 2014 is available in its entirety on the [Michigan Legislature's website](#).**

#### **Application and Funding Process**

The MSP/EMHSD has developed the following process to award funding:

1. Based upon the National Weather Service ice accumulation data from December 22 and 23, 2013, the following counties and their municipalities are eligible to apply:

Region	Counties
Region 1	Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Jackson, Livingston, and Shiawassee
Region 2N	Macomb, Oakland, and St. Clair
Region 2S	Washtenaw and Wayne
Region 3	Bay, Genesee, Lapeer, Midland, Saginaw, Sanilac, and Tuscola
Region 5	Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Cass, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren
Region 6	Ionia, Isabella, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, and Ottawa

2. Each county or municipality seeking funding shall work through their respective [state of Michigan-recognized emergency management program](#) to:
  - a. Submit uninsured damage costs from [Categories A to G](#) in the Michigan Critical Incident Management System (MI CIMS) by July 9, 2014.

**NOTE: DO NOT create a new incident in MI CIMS to report damages. Enter all damages in the “2013-12-20 Lower Michigan Ice/Snow Storm” incident.**

- b. Provide supporting documentation for the costs entered into MI CIMS.
  - c. Provide copies of photos, news articles, etc., demonstrating the ice storm and associated debris clean-up impacts.
  - d. Provide an impact statement signed by the [chief executive official](#) regarding the severity of hardship imposed by the storm and associated debris clean-up.
- 3. Damage will be verified by an MSP/EMHSD damage assessment review team employing Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards.
  - 4. Awards will be made no later than August 11, 2014.

The MSP/EMHSD anticipates that qualifying damages will be in excess of the appropriated \$1 million. Overall impact will be a factor in award amounts; therefore, not all applicants will receive funding and a percentage of the total dollar amount submitted may be awarded.

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